

Lone Star State Dulcimer Society

May, 2022

The May Meeting of the LSSDS: The May meeting will be held at Oakdale Park in Glen Rose, Texas, May 6-8. It will be called THE 40TH ANNUAL LONE STAR STATE DULCIMER FESTIVAL. Tell EVERYONE TO COME! By the way, we need help in the club booth and a couple other areas, especially around meal times. Please stop by the club booth early and sign up to help.

LSSDS meeting Schedule for 2022:

May 6-8, Glen Rose, Texas for the 40th Annual Lone Star State Dulcimer Festival. June 11, July 9, August 13, September 10, October 8, - Winter Creek Reunion in Bennington, Ok. November 12, December-No meeting.

Meeting location for LSSDS: The International Baptist Church of Arlington has graciously offered us their facility (when available) for our meetings. Their address is 1013 West Park Row, Arlington, 76013.

The Old Time Dulcimer Jam dates are: I'll have to get back to you on this one.

Calendar at a glance:

The 40th Annual (except for the Covid year) Lone Star State Dulcimer Festival, May 6-8, 2022 to be held at Oakdale Park in Glen Rose, Texas. For reservation contact Oakdale Park at (254) 897-2321.

Red River Dulcimer Festival held in Red River, New Mexico during the hottest part of the Texas year, August 5-7. The location is at the Community House in beautiful Red River. Mountains! Fishing! Hiking! Shopping? Riding in an International Scout! (or a Jeep if you want to). With high temperatures in the 70's. You really need to come and relax. Altitude of 8750 so bring your own oxygen as they have very little on hand.

Winter Creek Reunion: Bennington, Oklahoma. October 6-9.

Old Mill Music Festival: Kennard, Texas, November 4-5.

Important Information for The 40th Annual Lone Star State Dulcimer Festival: The schedule is out and up on our website: LSSDS.com. Our headliners for this year are: Bing Futch, Ilace Mears and Dave Wilson, Don Pedi, and Tina Bergmann and David Rice.

We will be offering a complete line up of workshops on Friday AND Saturday this year. Check the schedule and see where you want to be. Since this festival is more focused on performance the titles of the workshops may seem vague. I asked our headliners to teach what they think helps people the most. They are flexible. Ask questions. Have fun

How would you like to spend a drive to Glen Rose with two of our headliners? A chance to visit with them, get to know them, share history about Texas or whatever? Have I got a deal for you!

Tina Bergmann and David Rice will be arriving at DFW airport on Thursday at 3:55 p.m. and need a ride to the festival. She will have a rather large flight case plus their other instruments so a larger vehicle would be great. They also need a ride back to the airport on Sunday for a flight that leaves at 3:57 p.m. If you could help out with this we would be forever grateful and they won't have to walk all that way. Please respond to me (Dana) at: mrbanjoist@gmail.com or call me at (817) 275-3872.

We are also going to try to revive the Texas Death Match Ensemble Contest for this year's festival. The contest will be held Sunday after the Gospel Music time. For those of you not familiar with the death match, it is a contest with one rule. A dulcimer has to be in the band. It doesn't have to be played, it just has to be in the band. It is a contest in mediocrity with the goal being to be "absolutely very last place". Judges will be chosen from the crowd and it is actually a very nice job to have because bribing of the judges is endorsed and desired, with no loyalty to the briber. Two songs will be played. Costumes are allowed and encouraged. Kidnapping of members of other bands is not encouraged but actually happens since there are no rules outlawing it. We've actually had a nice write up in Dulcimer Players News the year Maddie McNeil was in the losing band. She sang a lovely tune in perfect A-440 pitch while the band played the tune in A-445. A lovely time was had by all. Lots of bribing takes place so cook up some cookies, cakes, tea, whatever to be certain the judges are comfortable, after all, they're the only ones that really matter. So, untune that banjo, poke holes in the accordian bellows, and think of a few songs that will be assured of getting the coveted "very last place". Ribbons will be awarded to the least deserving band.

Wanted: Door Prizes for LSSDS Festival. Attention all Festival attendees: In celebration of the 40th year for the LSSDS Festival, The club would like to put out the call for a collection of door prizes. Any item from home baked goods to snack baskets, hand made goods to musical items would be appreciated. Past years we've had lawn chairs, snack baskets that have been a hit.

In addition, in honor of Mrs. Connie Hamilton, we would like to continue the children's door prizes. As such any kid item donated would be appreciated. Children receive 1 free ticket a day, after that it is three tickets for 1 dollar. Dollar stores are a great place to get inexpensive items for this cause. The kids really get a lot of joy out of hearing their names called and we usually have lots of kids in attendance.

If you can stay over Sunday night we will cook out some hot dogs and sit around and visit and jam. If you would like to contribute something to the meal, we welcome all additions. It's always a great time to unwind and bask in the after-festival atmosphere. After supper we sit around in front of the stage and jam on whatever song, genre, key we want.

If you are coming for the day, Oakdale Park will be charging a parking fee of \$5.00 per car to park in the park. Big rocks park, directly across from Oakdale has a parking area that you might be able to access. I'm sure Oakdale has a designated area for on site parking. Check in at the office when you arrive and they will give you window hanger for you car.

I have recently been informed that Oakdale is NOT offering “dry camping” this year. They are offering tent camping in the former “overflow” area. I’m not sure why the decision was made but it definitely limits our ability to keep folks at the festival.

With rising gas prices, increases in air fares, rental cars, food, water, air, (fill in the blank) plus the fact that we have hired more headliners this year, the cost of putting this on is rising. We have a contingency plan in place so don’t let the cost of things keep you away. We still aren’t charging admission to the festival. So please come and bring lots of friends. We have lots of talent, workshops, music, and fun to enjoy all weekend.